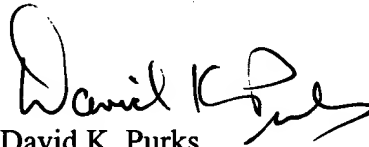


REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of this application as evidenced by the Office Action, and appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 23, 30, 34, 37, 38, and 39 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the recitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To place the application in condition for immediate allowance, Claims 2, 23, 34, and 37 have been amended to independent form including the recitations of their base claims and any intervening claims, Claims 3-6, 10-12, 20-22, 24-25, 29-31, 35-36, and 38-39 have been amended to depend from the independent claims, and Claims 1, 7-9, 13-19, 26-28, 32-33, and 40-46 have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which is requested in due course.

Respectfully submitted,



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